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SUBJECT: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT

REF: STATE 229675

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S REPORT OF FINAL AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (IA) REPORT AND LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING COPY. PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY (PNA) IN SEPT 16 DISPATCH DATED WASHINGTON, DC BY ALBERTO ALFARO LEADS WITH STATEMENT THAT JONES HAD TOLD COMMITTEE GOP HAD TAKEN "SUBSTANTIAL FIRST STEPS" TO END ALLEGED TORTURE OF PRISONERS IN PHILIPPINES. PNA ALSO NOTES AI REPORT PRAISED GOP FOR PERMITTING ACCESS TO PRISONERS AND THAT JONES COMMENDED RECENT GOP MOVES TO PREVENT TORTURE, ELIMINATE SAFE HOUSES, ETC. NEITHER PNA'S SLANTED APKCHIT NOR REGULAR WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNT OF FRASER HEARING ON AI REPORT HAVE APPEARED IN GUIDED PRESS.

2. WE SHOULD APPRECIATE AMPLICATION OF DETAILS PROVIDED REFTEL, ESPECIALLY INDICATION OF WHAT QUESTIONS CONGRESSMAN FRASER ASKED, WHAT OTHER MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, HOW LARGE A GROUP ATTENDED SESSION, AND COVERAGE HEARING RECEIVED IN U.S. PRESS. WE NOTE FROM PARA 3 REFTEL, JONES SAID BASIC AI CONCLUSION IS THAT THERE IS CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS, SAME LANGUAGE AS IN SECTION 301B, INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT OF

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1976. DID CONGRESSMAN FRASER OR STAFF COMMENT ON

THIS USAGE AND SPECULATE ON WHAT IT MIGHT MEAN IN
TERMS OF U.S. ASSISTANCE TO GOP?

3. RE: PARA 4(B) REFTTEL, CHECK REVEALS THAT COLONEL
JUANITO CABOBOY CURRENTLY CHIEF OF STAFF, PC, METROCOM
WAS IN U.S. AT COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF SCHOOL DURING
PERIOD AI VISITED. AT THAT TIME, CABOBOY WAS COMMANDING
OFFICER AT CAMP CRAME.
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